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GIRARDEAU SEED COMPANY

CONTRACT WATERMELON SEED GROWERS

MONTICELLO, FLORIDA.

For 33 years we have grown melon seed for the trade
to facilitate your business. We grow that we sell
but what we grow.



GROWING LIST

Georgia Rattlesnake
Augusta Rattlesnake
Gypsy
Augusta Sugar Loaf
Augusta Stripe "Branch"
Wonderful Sugar
Mammoth Iron Clad
Tom Watson, Fla. and Ga. Grown
Florida Favorite "Girardeau's"
New Favorite "Girardeau's"
Thomas
Jackson
Pearson
Tinker
Hoke Smith
McGuire
Temple Gray
Sweetheart
Gray Monarch
Angel Kiss
Long Light Icing
Round Light Icing
Dark Icing
Triumph "Girardeau's"

Gray National
Eaton's Choice
New Holmes
Spanish
Oh, My
Black Diamond
Kolb Gem, Girardeau's Improved
Conquerer "Anti-Wilt"
Cole's Early
Harris Early
Blue Gem "Girardeau's"
Glossier
Black Spanish
Iceburg
The Boss
Black Boulder
Kleckley Sweet
Monticresto
Red River
Peerless
Ice Cream
Cuban Queen
Phenney's Early
Fordhook
Mountain Sweet
Halbert Honey

We also grow cantaloupes, cow peas, velvet beans,
red cob, flint and prolific corn, beggar weed, budded pe-
an trees, chufas and peanuts. Write for prices.

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Democratic National Committee

Friday Dec 13th 1912
"For the Rule of Justice and of Right"

To Hon. R. L. Eaton:—

Having been highly recommended for your devotion and loyalty to and your effective work for Democracy and reposing lasting confidence in your willingness earnestly to espouse its cause the Democratic National Committee hereby commissions you member of the National Minute Men Committee, with the rank of Captain, and the National Committee believes that the results of your efforts will justify the issuance of this commission.

WILLIAM F. MCCOOMBS,

Chairman.

JOSEPH E. DAVIES,

Secretary.

T. P. GORE, Chairman Organization Bureau.

Thus our fellow-townsmen is given official recognition for his splendid efforts during the late campaign in the party's interest.

Bob Eaton is a big hearted Floridian and numbers his friends by the hundreds. He is a member of the city council and enjoys the confidence and esteem, not only of his fellow-townsmen, but of Floridians generally. He is a progressive democrat and takes much interest in political affairs and is treasurer of the Democratic State Executive Committee.

He is the owner of the Girardeau Seed Company, one of the largest industries of its kind in the United States. He is among Florida's most useful citizens—is the sort of captain of industry who believes in a square deal for every man, and whose democracy is of the fighting, progressive kind.

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 Carolina Bradford
 Georgia Rattlesnake
 Augusta Rattlesnake
 Gypsy
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HOW TO GROW WATERMELONS.

BY GIRARDEAU SEED CO., OF MONTICELLO, FLA.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

From thirty years experience in the successful growing of Watermelons for market and for seed, We give herewith some general directions to be observed in the planting and cultivation of this crop to insure success. During the past thirty years we have had in cultivation annually, about six hundred acres of Watermelons, and we have been remarkably successful with our crops. In the outstart we will say, that when you have secured GOOD SEED, you have gained half the battle. The next point is the thorough preparation of your land. Then comes the Fertilizer on which there is a great difference of opinion as to what is best, and how much should be used. After this point has been settled to your satisfaction, then lastly comes the thorough and

INTELLIGENT CULTIVATION OF YOUR CROP.

We will give no advice on these several points, but will simply give in detail our plan of obtaining the best preparation of our land, the kind and quality of Fertilizer we use and the way in which we cultivate our crops.

WE CAREFULLY SELECT OUR SEED

From the largest and most perfect Melons we can find of the different varieties we plant. We cut off both ends of these Melons and SELECT Planting Seed from the middles only. These seed we think are the BEST. Of course seed saved in this way does much to be sold by our Seedsmen generally, who have to contend with sharp competition in their business, and they could not pay the cost of harvesting these SELECT Seed, and offer them in competition with seed grown in Kansas or Iowa, at the same price. We will say right here, that we have seen some very fine crops grown from Seed taken from large and small Melons and on the other hand, we have raised a magnificent crop of Melons right near a neighbor whose crop was a complete failure, on the same sort of land, and we attribute our success to our GOOD SEED and his failure to his poor Seed. Therefore, if you have much in this extra care and cost in selecting your Planting Seed, or securing them from some party who does take the pains to do so, we suggest. Still we believe strongly enough in it to go to this trouble and expense each succeeding year

TO GET OUR SEED.

The best soil for Watermelons is a rich, light sandy loam, that has not been in cultivation for say two years. In the manner subsoiling your land. This plowing should be done in December if possible, if not January, or February, which with us is about the 20th of February. Any time before planting, your land should be checked and the hole about six inches deep is hollowed out and and your Fertilizer put down, which should be the same as the one used about 15 inches across and about two inches above the general level is made on this Fertilizer and

IN PLANTING FOR MARKET ON A LARGE SCALE

These hills are not dug out or made up with the hoe, but the Fertilizer is put down at the check, disking, and then the hand, and two furrows thrown on it with the turn plow, and seed planted on this bed just at the check, and the furrow crossing this bed.

When an early crop is the object in view, you should plant as early as you think advisable, and then you can secure a stand. First plant on the south side of your hill, a week afterwards on the north side, then a week later you commence on the south side again, for if the Seed are not up by this time, they will hardly come up at all, so that if you should have a killing frost you will have seed in the ground ready to come up as soon as the cold has passed. Plant only four seed at a time, if the seed are sound. Four are as good as two dozen to be put in at one time.

THIN OUT TO ONE VINE IN A HILL.

Cultivate deeply at first with a Cultivator or Shovel Plow. When vine gets about two feet long, then use a Sweep plow is preferable. Plow as long and as often as you can, but never under any circumstances until the vines begin to run.

NOW, AS TO FERTILIZER,

We use equal parts of Cotton Seed meal and some good Ammoniated Dissolved Bone Meal. For each acre we use much less amount, say 225 pounds—two-thirds Cotton Seed Meal and one-third Bone Meal. This mixture of crop is made as to size and quantity, was fertilized with a compost made of manure and straw, and one of latter, on which was sprinkled very liberally a strong solution of Ammoniated Soda. For each one-quarter pound of Ammoniated Soda we use one bushel of the compost. Then we prefer it composted with the manure and straw.